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BPA Olympia linemen resuscitate Jefferson County heart attack victim

Brinnon, Wash. – Bonneville Power Administration linemen Lloyd Long and Lon Bickler were driving north on Highway 101 along the Hood Canal north of Hoodspport, Wash., on April 13, when they found a man slumped over the rear of a large truck. They found the individual incoherent and showing symptoms of a heart attack.

After calling 911, the linemen grabbed the defibrillator out of their line truck and administered an electric shock. Then they started cardiopulmonary resuscitation and continued until rescue personnel arrived. The injured man was then flown to Harbor View Trauma Center in Seattle.

“Each BPA line crew carries a defibrillator machine and is trained in its use along with CPR, since our crews are often in hazardous conditions and need to be prepared to respond to any emergency,” said Orion Albro, BPA Olympia regional manager. “This is the first time we’ve used a defibrillator in a life-saving event. Yesterday’s event made all the training worthwhile.”

Although the individual is still in the hospital, he is expected to make a full recovery. His wife passed on her thanks for the crew’s heroic efforts.

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